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NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2008

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Northwestern State University Foundation Natchitoches, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Northwestern State University Foundation (a non-profit organization), as of June 30, 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northwestern State University Foundation, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Northwestern State University Foundation taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Hines, Jackson & Hines Natchitoches, Louisiana October 20, 2008

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 992,027
Promises to give	100,000
Investments	8,900,976
Other current assets	3,733
Total Current Assets	9,996,736
Fixed assets, net	5,089
Other assets	56,317
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,058,142</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	\$ 100,000
Current portion of long-term debt Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 100,000 22,063
Funds held in custody	240,000
Total Current Liabilities	362,063
Long-term debt, net of current portion	0
Total Liabilities	362,063
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	447,286
Temporarily restricted	2,645,575
Permanently restricted	6,603,218
Total Net Assets	9,696,079
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$_10,058,142</u>

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES AND	<u>U</u> ı	nrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total _
RECLASSIFICATIONS								
Contributions	\$	219,946	\$	816,445	\$	740,121	\$	1,776,512
Fund raising		40,362		410,454		773		451,589
Investment income		45,457		293,590		0		339,047
Sales and fees		8,530		392,824		0		401,354
Other		13,122		135,109		0		148,231
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:								·
Satisfactions of Program Restrictions		2,740,726		(2,907,696)		166,970		0
Total Public Support, Revenues				-				
and Reclassifications		3,068,143		(859,274)		907,864		3,116,733
EXPENSES								
Program services								
Equipment purchases for NSU		303,689		0		0		303,689
Marketing and promotions		244,343		0		0		244,343
Materials and supplies		278,497		0		0		278,497
Professional services		242,780		0		0		242,780
Scholarships		419,120		0		0		419,120
Transfers to NSU		9,000		0		300,000		309,000
Travel		73,510		0		0		73,510
Other program services expenses		167,076		0		0		167,076
Supporting services		,		-		-		107,070
Fund raising		278,121		0		0		278,121
Management and general		301,645		0		0		301,645
Unrealized (gains)/losses on investments		793,334		Ō		(47,706)		745,628
Total Expenses		3,111,115		0	_	252,294		3,363,409
-								
Change in Net Assets		(42,972)		(859,274)		655,570		(246,676)
Net Assets, Beginning of year		490,258		3,504,849	_	5,947,648		9,942,755
Net Assets, End of year	<u>\$</u>	<u>44</u> 7,286	<u>\$</u>	2,645,575	<u>\$</u>	6,603,218	<u>\$</u>	9,696,079

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$	(246,676)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
used by operating activities		
Depreciation		5,729
Unrealized losses on investments		745,628
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets		
Promises to give		95,000
Other current assets		(335)
Other assets		(19,529)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable		19,809
Funds held in custody		60,000
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Operating Activities		659,626
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of investments		(773,935)
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Investing Activities		(773,935)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from bank loan		100,000
Principal payment on long-term debt		(21,734)
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Financing Activities		78,266
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(36,043)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of year		1,028,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of year	<u>\$</u>	992,027

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Northwestern State University Foundation (the Foundation) is a non-profit corporation formed in 1960. Its purpose is to promote the educational and cultural welfare of Northwestern State University (the University) and to aid students in their studies at the University and to solicit and accept funds to achieve the foregoing objectives. The Foundation serves as an umbrella organization for the Northwestern State University Alumni Association and the Northwestern State University Athletic Association, each of which has its own board of directors. Funds for each of these organizations are combined with funds of the Foundation for presentation in these financial statements.

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Consistent with FASB 95, Statement of Cash Flows, The Northwestern State University Foundation defines cash and cash equivalents as follows:

Cash - includes not only currency on hand but also demand deposits with banks or other financial institutions and other kinds of accounts that have the general characteristics of demand deposits in that the customer may deposit additional funds at any time and also effectively may withdraw funds at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Cash equivalents - includes all short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of interest rates. Generally, only investments which, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months qualify under this definition.

C. Promises to Give

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Northwestern State University Foundation that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported as increases in temporary or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Uncollectible amounts are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular promise to give. At June 30, 2008, \$0 were considered to be uncollectible.

E. Investments

Investments consist of U.S. Government securities and obligations, marketable debt and equity securities, mutual funds, and money market funds. The Northwestern State University Foundation accounts for its investments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments by Not-for-Profit Organizations." Accordingly, investments in these securities are reported at fair value. Fair value is determined using quoted market price of identical or similar securities. Investments are diversified across many types of securities as well as many different issuers primarily operating across the United States.

Donated investments are recorded at fair market value at date of receipt, which is then treated as cost. Realized gains and losses on dispositions are based on the net proceeds and the adjusted cost basis of the securities sold, using the specific identification method. Realized gains and losses are recognized in the Foundation's current operations.

F. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are carried at historical costs. Depreciation of all fixed assets used by the Northwestern State University Foundation are charged against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the assets, generally 10 to 40 years for buildings and building improvements and 5 to 10 years for moveable property. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to earnings as incurred. Major expenditures for renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Donations of fixed assets are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset for a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire fixed assets are reported as restricted support. When donor stipulations are absent regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Foundation reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service. The Foundation reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets at that time.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Collections and Works of Art

Donated collections and works of art are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of receipt. The Northwestern State University Foundation has donated collections and works of art consisting of a collection of Southern History Journals and Salvador Dali paintings. These items are being carried on the Foundations books at \$20,000. Donated properties are not used for Foundation operations.

H. Funds Held in Custody

Northwestern State University participates in a program with the State of Louisiana (the Eminent Scholars/Endowed Professorships Programs sponsored by the Louisiana Board of Regents) whereby the State contributes matching funds which, together with donations received by the Northwestern State University Foundation, establishes endowment funds, which are accumulated and maintained by the University. The state match constitutes 40% of the total endowment. The liability "Funds Held in Custody" represents the donations received by the Foundation for these endowments. These funds are transferred to the University upon receipt of the State match.

I. Net Assets

The Northwestern State University Foundation presents its financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

J. Contributions

The Northwestern State University Foundation has elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made." In accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Income Taxes

The Northwestern State University Foundation qualifies as a tax-exempt organization (an "other than private foundation") under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

L. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$992,027, as follows:

Interest bearing demand deposits accounts Money market accounts	\$ 	650,527 341,500
Total	<u>\$</u>	992,027

At June 30, 2008, the Foundation had \$1,579,680 in bank deposits. These deposits are secured from risk by \$599,500 of federal deposit insurance and the remaining \$980,180 was unsecured.

NOTE 3 PROMISES TO GIVE

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had unconditional promises to give consisting of the following:

Unrestricted promises to give	\$ 0
Restricted promises to give	 100,000
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Total	\$ 100,000

NOTE 3 PROMISES TO GIVE (CONTINUED)

The amounts are expected to be collected as follows:

Less than one year	\$ 100,000
One to five years	 0
Total	\$ 100,000

Unconditional promises to give due in more than one year are reflected at the present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 6%.

Certain donors have stipulated in their will to make donations to the Northwestern State University Foundation upon death. The total amount of conditional promises to give was unknown at June 30, 2008. As the donors have placed a condition on the donation, these amounts have not been recorded in the financial statements.

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had investments summarized as follows:

				Gross		Gross		
	An	nortized Cost	Ų	nrealized Gains	<u>Ur</u>	realized Losses	М	larket Value
Certificates of Deposit, maturities greater					-			
than 90 days	\$	472,083	\$	0	\$	0	\$	472,083
Corporate bonds		2,325,023		0		67,049		2,257,974
Equity securities		5,586,919		0		545,144		5,041,775
Mutual funds		1,234,126		0		133,356		1,100,770
Other		28,453		0	_	79		28,374
Total	\$	9,646,604	<u>\$_</u>	0	<u>\$</u>	745,628	<u>\$</u>	8,900 <u>,976</u>

Investment earnings included in the statement of activities was comprised of the following for the year ended June 30, 2008:

Investment income	\$	339,047
Unrealized gains/(losses) on investments		(745,628)
Total	<u>\$</u>	(406,581)

NOTE 5 FIXED ASSETS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had fixed assets summarized as follows:

		Cost		cumulated epreciation	 Net		epreciation <u>This Year</u>
Automobiles Total	\$ \$	23,970 23,970	\$ \$	18,881 18,881	\$ 5,089 5,089	<u>\$</u>	5,729 5,729

NOTE 6 OTHER ASSETS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had other assets summarized as follows:

Cash surrender value of life insurance (3 policies)	\$ 36,317
Collections and works of art	 20,000
Total	\$ 56,317

NOTE 7 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had accounts payable and accruals of the following:

Vendor	\$	22,063
Other	_	0
Total	\$	22,063

NOTE 8 FUNDS HELD IN CUSTODY

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had funds held in custody summarized as follows:

Endowed professorships (4)	\$ 240,000
Total	\$ _240,000

NOTE 9 LONG-TERM DEBT

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation was obligated under one installment note to the Bank of Montgomery for \$100,000 bearing interest at 5%, maturing June 18, 2009. The note is secured by all deposit accounts and certificates of deposit.

NOTE 10 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

All temporarily restricted net assets are immediately available for use by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose restrictions specified by donors. During the year ended June 30, 2008, temporarily restricted net assets were released from donor restriction by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose restrictions specified by donors as follows:

Athletics	\$ 1,575,441
Scholarships	277,594
Other	405,959
Unrealized losses on investments	 648,702
Total Restrictions Released	\$ 2,907,696

NOTE 11 PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

At June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation had net assets permanently restricted for the following purposes:

Athletics Scholarships	\$ 1,003,910 5,599,308
Total Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$ 6,603,218

NOTE 12 LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Northwestern State University Foundation was not obligated under any capital or operating leases at June 30, 2008.

NOTE 13 LITIGATION

There was no outstanding litigation against the Northwestern State University Foundation at June 30, 2008.

NOTE 14 DONATED SERVICES

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Northwestern State University Foundation received a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist in fund raising and special projects. No amounts have been recognized in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition under SFAS No. 116 have not been satisfied.

NOTE 15 TRANSACTIONS WITH NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

During the year ended June 30, 2008, Northwestern State University provided certain personnel services and usage of office space and equipment to the Northwestern State University Foundation. In return, the Foundation solicited and accepted funds for the benefit of the University. The estimated value of these transactions for the year ended June 30, 2008 was \$144,748.

NOTE 16 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2008, there has been a significant change in the valuation of the Northwestern State University Foundation's investments. The information that follows is the market value of the Foundation's investments as of September 30, 2008, the most recent valuations available.

			Gross		Gross				
	Amortized Cost		Ur	Unrealized Gains		Unrealized Losses		Market Value	
Certificates of Deposit, maturities greater	<u> </u>								
than 90 days	\$	474,397	\$	0	\$	0	\$	474,397	
Corporate bonds		2,220,603		0		161,469		2,059,134	
Equity securities		5,451,244		0		1,241,943		4,209,301	
Mutual funds		1,179,971		0		123,452		1,056,519	
Other		28,717	_	0		3,125		25,592	
Total	\$	9,354,932	\$	0	<u>\$</u>	1,529,989	<u>\$</u>	7,824,943	